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JICARILLA APACHE MAN PLEADS GUILTY **TO FEDERAL ASSAULT CHARGE**

Today, **Kyle Julian**, 20, entered a guilty plea to a federal assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to do bodily injury charge before United States Magistrate Judge Lorenzo F. Garcia. Julian, an enrolled member of the Jicarilla Apache Tribe, has been in federal custody since his arrest on February 17, 2010. At sentencing, Julian faces up to ten years imprisonment, a maximum \$250,000 fine, and up to three years of supervised release.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that the charge against Julian stemmed from a physical altercation that took place on February 7, 2010 during a Superbowl party at home of Ouray Muskrat, the victim of Julian's assault. According to the criminal complaint filed in the case, Muskrat confronted Julian, who was a guest at the party, and asked him to leave after Muskrat's wife reported that Julian had touched her in an inappropriate way. The confrontation evolved into a fight during which Julian stabbed and severely injured Muskrat. Muskrat suffered multiple stab wounds in the back, one of which injured his lungs, and a broken ankle. Officers of the Jicarilla Apache Police Department recovered the knife used by Julian to commit the assault the following day.

This case was investigated by the Jicarilla Apache Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and is being prosecuted by Supervisory Assistant United States Attorney Glynette Carson-McNabb.

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